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Dear Ms. Henney

I am contacting you to express my great concern with the possibility that foods that have been genetically engineered and altered may reach the marketplace without being properly labeled so that consumers can make informed choices. I am concerned that many of these genetically altered foods pose great health risks to children. We as consumers should be allowed to choose whether to buy genetically engineered produce or non-altered produce. However, currently the biotech industry has been able to prevent companies which do not use genetically engineered food from so labeling their products. Thus, we consumers are unable to tell the difference. We should be able to make informed choices and keep from our bodies the viruses and bacteria that have been spliced into

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potatoes, tomatoes, soy, and corn to keep them fresh longer. Or to choose organic products over those which have been genetically engineered to contain pesticides.

Therefore, I urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the following products are clearly labeled:

- 1) genetically engineered foods
- 2) products that contain genetically engineered foods

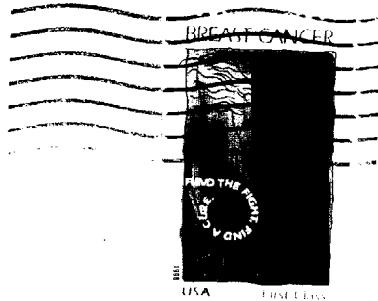
Science is not certain that these products are safe for either short-term or long-term use. Until that question is answered with 100% certainty, I urge you to use your good office to ensure that I can make an informed choice when I shop for food for my family.

I would appreciate hearing from you with whatever steps you can take to ensure this happens. My health and my family's health is of prime concern to me.

Sincerely,

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